

The **Knife and Fork Band** are a five-piece local band that represents the revival of interest in folk and acoustic music. Featuring an untypical instrumental line-up that includes concertina and cello in addition to guitars, harmonica, fiddle and bass, Knife and Fork perform the original songs of singer/guitarist Denis Murphy who is joined on harmony by his sister Meg, as well as traditional Irish tunes and covers that range from Johnny Cash to the Kinks. Somewhat rough and loose, Murphy's songs often have the quirky sensibility prevalent among modern acoustic acts, but at the same time shows promise with tunes like "Depression of 1990." They also show they're quite capable of pulling off powerful versions of traditional English ballads such as "The Lass of Loch Royal," (sometimes known as "Lord Gregory.")

Knife and Fork Band: Sat., Jan. 23 at 7:30 p.m. at the 1521 Cafe, 1521 Spruce St..

--Peter Brown